Metalling of roads under PMGSY in Uttarakhand

1808. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the State Government of Uttarakhand is not taking stringent action in regard to metalling of roads which were constructed under the PMGSY scheme;

(b) whether Government would issue any directions to the State Government for metalling of these roads which were constructed 10 years back for the convenience of the villagers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), rural roads projects are executed by the State Government. The programme is implemented in accordance with programme guidelines which, *inter-alia*, provide that in hill States, the estimate for new construction works may be prepared in 2 parts wherever circumstances so require. As such, the 1st stage would consist of formation cutting, slope stabilization, protection works and drainage works. If black topping at the second stage is intended, it may be taken up after two rainy seasons have elapsed to ensure adequate stabilization of the side slopes. The second stage will include the WBM (Water Bound Macadam) layers and bituminous surface course.

(b) and (c) The existing guidelines provided for up gradation of existing rural roads core net work roads to the required structural and geometric standards. However, the first priority is to provide connectivity to unconnected eligible habitations.

Unsatisfactory quality of roads under PMGSY

1809. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:
SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that random inspection of road works under PMGSY during July, 2004 and September, 2006 has found substantial number of works under the scheme, of unsatisfactory quality in several States;

(b) if so, the details of the findings; and

(c) the measures being taken to ensure quality of the road projects and check corruption in implementation of the projects under the PMGSY?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) During the period July, 2004 to September, 2006, a total of 17718 inspections were carried out by the National Quality Monitors (NQMs) under the third tier of the quality control mechanism of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY). Out of total 7449 inspection of completed works, 1547 works (21%) were graded as 'Unsatisfactory', whereas out of 10269 inspections of on-

going works, 4309 works (42%) were graded as 'Unsatisfactory'. State-wise details of grading have been given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) For ensuring high level of quality in works, PMGSY programme guidelines have the provision for three tier Quality Control Mechanism. The first two tiers of the Quality Control Structure are overseen by the State Quality Coordinators, appointed by the State Governments. The first tier of quality control mechanism is in-house quality control at the level of the executing agencies. Field laboratories are established by the Contractors and mandatory tests on the quality of material and workmanship are conducted under the supervision of Programme Implementation Units (PIUs). The second tier provides for quality monitoring by the State Governments through independent State Quality Monitors (SQMs). SQMs are deployed to ensure that quality issues are properly being attended to at the first tier. The third tier of this arrangement consists of quality monitoring of works through random inspections by independent National Quality Monitors (NQMs).

In addition, measures like Standard bidding document, Online monitoring, display of Citizen's information board etc. have been put in place for ensuring; quality and transparency in execution of PMGSY projects. State Governments have also been advised to arrange joint inspection of ongoing as well as completed works under PMGSY by Hon'ble MPs, Hon'ble, MLAs and functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institutions.

Statement

State-wise details of grading after random inspection of road works under PMGSY during July, 2004 *to September,* 2006

Sl. No.	State	Total INspection	Grading					
			Completed			Ongoing		
			Total	S	U	Total	S	U
1	2	3	4	6	8	9	11	13
1	Andhra Pradesh	1090	593	530	63	497	405	92
2	Arunachal Pradesh	78	62	17	45	16	11	5
3	Assam	612	119	97	22	493	319	174
4	Bihar	614	185	53	132	429	174	255
5	Chhattisgarh	839	368	292	76	471	254	217
6	Gujarat	579	304	203	101	275	153	122
7	Haryana	57	21	18	3	36	31	5
8	Himachal Pradesh	496	122	100	22	374	168	206
9	Jammu and Kashmir	137	9	2	7	128	47	81
10	Jharkhand	532	185	89	96	347	104	243

1	2	3	4	6	8	9	11	13
11	Karnataka	813	359	301	58	454	215	239
12	Kerala	195	69	55	14	126	86	40
13	Madhya Pradesh	1852	648	581	67	1204	914	290
14	Maharashtra	747	340	275	65	407	217	190
15	Manipur	74	32	20	12	42	18	24
16	Meghalaya	137	31	19	12	106	26	80
17	Mizoram	123	45	19	26	78	38	40
18	Nagaland	59	25	3	22	34	4	30
19	Orissa	1332	491	406	85	841	384	457
20	Punjab	186	69	51	18	117	47	70
21	Rajasthan	2129	1217	1160	57	912	818	94
22	Sikkim	98	22	11	11	76	23	53
23	Tamil Nadu	988	350	212	138	638	297	341
24	Tripura	120	41	28	13	79	36	43
25	Uttar Pradesh	2607	1324	1047	277	1283	735	548
26	Uttaranchal	310	49	30	19	261	104	157
27	West Bengal	914	369	283	86	545	332	213
	GRAND TOTAL:	17718	7449	5902	1547	10269	5960	4309

S- Satisfactory, U- Unsatisfactory

Underutilisation of funds under NREGA

1810. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that half amount of the Rs.13,000 crore allocated to the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) to provide job for the poor during 2005-06 has been allowed to lapse;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that while village panchayats spent most of their allocation under this scheme, Government Departments, showed criminal negligence by failing to utilize their share of funds; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?